Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—Any special arrangement made for the traffic transport?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. There is a ferry service.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do the Government know that passengers experience great inconvenience since the water in the river has gone down and on both sides of the river there are sand banks ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The water went down only a week ago and the pier will be complete within a few days.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have you made any temporary arrangement for the traffic ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Since we are to complete the bridge within a few days a temporary ferry arrangement has been made.

Katavanthara bridge.

154. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether, as stated in replies (r) and (s) to question 428 of the Medam Session of 1105 (P. 1045, part 15 of Vol. III, second series of the Council Report) the informations called for have been received ;

(2) if received, will the Government be pleased to lay them on the table ;

(3) if not received, were any steps taken subsequently to get them ;

(4) have the Government come to any conclusion about the completion or abandonment of the partly constructed bridge ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) A copy of the Diwan Peishkar's report containing the information is placed on the Council table.

(3) In view of the answer to (1) the question does not arise.

(4) They are considering the question of providing public pathway to give access to the bridge.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sub-division (4). My question relates to the completion or abandonment of the partly constructed bridge. The answer is they are considering the question of providing public pathway to give access to the bridge. May I know whether the Government has decided upon the completion ofthe bridge or its abandonment ?

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Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For the completion of the bridge.

Action taken against the Assistant Engineer.

155. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken against the Assistant Engineer for having submitted the completion report of the canal referred to in question No. 268 of the Legislative Session of 1104?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The officer has been severely warned on the present occasion and the Chief Engineer has been directed to watch his work in future and report to Government if his conduct gives room for any complaint.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether this is the final order of the Government in the matter ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Reconstruction of the Narakkal Dispensary building.

156. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they intend reconstructing during this year the old building in which the Government Dispensary is located at Narakkal ;

(2) whether they know it is quite unsafe to continue the dispensary in its present building ;

(3) whether they know that there is not sufficient light in the dispensing room and that dispedsing is done with the aid of a lamp even during day time ;

(4) what is the daily average attendance in this dispensary and whether the attendance is so big as to be unable to be efficiently attended to in a small dispensary as that, by a Sub-Assistant Surgeon, in charge only ;

(5) whether they have any idea to raise it into a hospital and if so, when ;

(6) a copy of the remarks made by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in the Visitors' Book with regard to the nature of the building may kindly be placed on the table ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) No.

(2) No; but Government are aware that the building is not quite suited for purposes of a dispensary.

(3) Yes; vide also answer to (2).

(4) 265 daily. A sufficiently capable and efficient Sub-Assistant Surgeon can manage this number.

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